

REGARDS TO A THREAT

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CAN EXERT INFLUENCE

RUSSIAN MINISTER AT PEKING SUGGESTS POSSIBILITIES.

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ST. PETERSBURG, April 11.—The reports that M. Lessar, the Russian minister at Peking, had made strong representations to the Chinese government on the subject of the Japanese military instructors in the service of China and the Japanese officers' demand for their dismissal, are confirmed here. Russia regards their continued presence where they are as being the most serious threat to her.

It is pointed out that without the consent of the Peking government the Japanese officers who with General Ma, who is now north of the great wall, easily can obtain dominant influence over the Chinese army and use them for the Japanese operations and demand the creation of a diversion in General Kuropatkin's rear, possibly resulting in cutting off his communications.

They Might Embarrass Him.
If General Kuropatkin is compelled in time of stress to meet a sudden and unexpected attack from this quarter it might greatly embarrass him.

Of course, the Peking government would disavow complicity, but the harm would be done and Russia considers that the immediate removal of Japanese influence over the Chinese army is imperative.
While it is not specifically stated that China will comply with the Russian demands will be considered a violation of Chinese neutrality, this is believed to be the true account of the situation.
It is added that Kuropatkin is disposing of 20,000 men where they will be available for use in the direction of the Chinese frontier, but no confirmation of this report is obtainable.

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

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In view of the reports received here of Japanese activity in Korea and of the arrival of Japanese troops on the Yalu river, it is understood that the troops of the garrison had been fully warned that it was possible the Japanese would make an attack on this place and the citizens, on hearing the firing, naturally supposed that the attempt was being made last night.

New Chwang Closed to Commerce.
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Praying for Victory.
VLADIVOSTOK, April 11.—The churches today have been crowded in observance of the Easter holidays with people praying for victory.

Many of the inhabitants who fled from Vladivostok to Khabarovsk, eastern Siberia, at the outbreak of the war are now returning here.

CELEBRATING EASTER.

Thoughts of War Give Place to Merry-Making in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 11, 2:07 p.m.—The Easter merry-making is in progress, business is suspended, the government departments are closed and the war bulletin boards are bare, except for the order for the mobilization of four army corps. Only three newspapers appear, and they are in the form of fly sheets. M. Mescherykin, in the Grashdanin, pays a fine tribute to Prince Hilkoft, the minister of railroads, whom he compares with Peter the Great, working with his own hands on the Baikal railroad to stimulate the workmen to perform marvels, like Peter at the foundry in St. Petersburg. The publisher will return soon to Bakal to resume personal direction of building the circular line which it is hoped will be running by July, a year after the war is over. Prince Hilkoft expects soon to have seven two-section military trains running daily.

Belated Easter Greeting.
In addition to the list printed yesterday the Novoe Vremya this morning contains the belated Easter greetings of the officers of the warships Retvizan, Petropavlovsk, Gaydamak, Vasyudny and Glikak and the troops.

New Model Russian Three-inch Quick-Firing guns, firing eighteen shots a minute, are being issued to the artillery colleges of St. Petersburg for the purpose of instructing the senior cadets in the handling of these pieces. The emperor will confer diplomas on them in May, instead of next fall.

JAPS' FIRST ARMY LANDED.

Points of Debarcation of Second Army Are Unknown.

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Jimines in New York.

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